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SUBJECT: JOINT VENEZUELAN-COSTA RICAN COMMUNIQUE ON CUBA

1. FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY'S INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF JOINT COMMUNIQUE ON CUBA BY FONMIN SCHACHT AND FONMIN FACIO OF COSTA RICA ISSUED AFTERNOON OF AUGUST 29:

2. QUOTE THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF COSTA RICA, DR. GONZALO FACIO, AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF VENEZUELA, DR. EFRAIN SCHACHT ARISTIGUETA, MET IN THE CITY OF CARACAS ON AUGUST 28 AND 29, 1974 FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXCHANGING IDEAS CONCERNING THE PROBLEMS OF THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE, IN GENERAL, INSPIRED BY THE LIBERAL AND DEMOCRATIC IDEAS WHICH ANIMATE BOTH GOVERNMENTS: AND IN PARTICULAR IN CONNECTION WITH DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING THE POLITICS AND INTER-AMERICAN SITUATION WITH RESPECT TO CUBA AND ITS THEIR EFFECTS WITH RESPECT TO THE JURIDICIAL, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SYSTEM OF THE CONTINENT. LIKEWISE, THE TWO FOREIGN MINISTERS ESPECIALLY TOOK INTO ACCOUNT THE RESULTS OF THE RECENT VISIT MADE BY FOREIGN MINISTER GONZALO FACIO TO COLOMBIA AND HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH PRESIDENT ALFONSO LOPEZ MICHELSON AND FOREIGN MINISTER INDALECIO LIEVANO AGUIRRE.

3. QUOTE FOLLOWING A LENGTHY ANALYSIS OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES,
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ESPECIALLY WITH RESPECT TO THE SANCTIONS IMPOSED ON CUBA BY THE

ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES IN THE YEAR 1964 AS A RESULT OF THE EVENTS WHICH TOOK PLACE IN VENEZUELA, THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF COSTA RICA AND VENEZUELA AGREED IN THEIR APPRECIATION THAT EVIDENTLY SINCE THAT TIME IMPORTANT CHANGES HAVE BEEN OCCURRING IN THE CONTEXT OF WORLD POLITICS WITH THE END OF THE COLD WAR AND OF THE BIPOLARITY IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF WORLD POWER, THIS SITUATION BEING SUBMITTED BY NEW TERMS AND CONCEPTS OF RAPPROCHEMENT IN BILATERAL AND MULTINATIONAL DIALOGUE AND THE NATURAL AND INDISPENSABLE RELAXATION OF CONFLICTS OF IDEOLOGY AND OF POLITICAL SYSTEMS OF GOVERNMENT, SEEKING IN THIS WAY GREATER INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION WITHIN IDEOLOGICAL PLURALISM.

4. QUOTE IN VIEW OF THIS EXAMINATION, THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT HEADED BY CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ WAS COMPLETELY IN AGREEMENT WITH THE INITIATIVE TAKEN BY THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF COSTA RICA AND COLOMBIA IN THE SENSE THAT ALL THESE FACTORS AND CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD CONSTITUTE A MATTER FOR THE CAREFUL AND PROMPT CONSIDERATION BY THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES TO MAKE A DECISION BY MEANS OF THIS IMPORTANT REGIONAL ORGANIZATION CONCERNING THIS ISSUE, WITHOUT THIS AFFECTING THE SURVIVAL OF THE CONTINENTAL JURIDICAL ORGANIZATION. TO THIS END, THE GOVERNMENT OF VENEZUELA WILL SUPPORT THE EFFORTS WHICH THE GOVERNMENTS OF COSTA RICA AND COLOMBIA WILL UNDERTAKE BEFORE THE OAS SHORTLY.

5. QUOTE THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF COSTA RICA AND VENEZUELA LIKewise DEEMED IT SUITABLE TO POINT OUT THAT INITIATION OF SUCH PROCEEDINGS DOES NOT IMPLY AN INVITATION TO THE GOVERNMENT OF CUBA NOR CONDITIONS FOR ITS RE-ENTERING THE OAS: AT THE SAME TIME THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF COSTA RICA AND VENEZUELA REITERATE THEIR CONVICTION THAT THE SAID REGIONAL ORGANIZATION CONSTITUTES AT THE PRESENT TIME THE MOST ADEQUATE AND SUITABLE FORUM TO OBTAIN AN AUTHENTIC INTER-AMERICAN DIALOGUE, NOTWITHSTANDING THE INDISPENSABLE ADJUSTMENTS WHICH MUST BE MADE TO ITS INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

6. QUOTE THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF COSTA RICA AND VENEZUELA AGREED, AS DID THE FORMER AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF COLOMBIA, THAT THE PROCEDURE WHICH IS PROPOSED TO BE INITIATED WITH RESPECT TO THE CASE OF CUBA BEFORE THE OAS CONSTITUTES A REASONABLE AND LEGITIMATE HOPE THAT THIS STEP WILL BE A POSITIVE ADVANCE IN THE UNCLASSIFIED

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CORRECT DIRECTION OF MAINTAINING THE STRICTEST RESPECT FOR THE PRINCIPLE OF NON-INTERVENTION AS WELL AS THE PROSCRIPTION OF ANY ENCOURAGEMENT OR FINANCING OF SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES BY ANY AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AGAINST ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT OF THE CONTINENT.
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